

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as shown in the following complete listing of all claims:

1. (currently amended) A cargo trailer tie down system for use with a vehicle, said tie down system comprising:

at least one ⁽³⁴⁾ a mounting track associated with ⁽¹¹⁾ at least one side of a cargo carrying area;

at least one ⁽²⁾ a tie down member strap having one end fixed in a position on an opposing side of said at least one side, said tie down member having comprising a terminal end with a hook ⁽⁸⁰⁾ member;

at least one ⁽⁴⁰⁾ a hook hanger, said at least one hook hanger adjustably positioned in association with on the mounting track at a location to allow the hook member to be positively retained in association with the anchor assembly over said cargo carrying area; ⁽⁴¹⁾ wherein said hook hanger comprising ⁽⁴²⁾ comprises a body including: (i) a mounting bracket having comprising a mounting profile conforming to and slidably matable with said at least one mounting track, and ⁽⁴³⁾ (ii) a hook anchor having including a channel for slidably receiving said hook member, and ⁽⁴⁴⁾ (iii) a retainer member connected to said body and selectively positioned in a locked position where such that said hook member will not disengage from is captured in said channel by said retainer member.

2. (currently amended) The cargo trailer tie down system of claim 1, wherein mounting tracks are provided on both sides of the cargo carrying area said hook anchor is defined as an extrusion with said hook hanger body.

3. (currently amended) The cargo trailer tie down system of claim 1, wherein said at least one mounting track is selected from the group consisting of double-L mounting tracks, C-channel mounting tracks, and integral mounting tracks formed in association with said vehicle side of said cargo carrying area.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The cargo trailer tie down system of claim 1, wherein said at least one tie down member is selected from the group consisting of straps, ropes, chains, cables, and wires said retainer member is pivotably connected to said body of said hook hanger and blocks opposite ends of said channel when located in said locked position.

6. (currently amended) A tie down system for a cargo control system, comprising:
a body member secured in a desired position relative to at least one tie down member of a cargo control system, the tie down member having a hook member associated therewith; and

said body member comprising a retention channel for insertion of at least a portion of said hook member of the tie down member to secure said hook member to said body member, wherein said hook member is connectable to and disconnectable from said body only through an end of said channel that opens in a side of said body, wherein a wall of said body that partially defines said channel prevents vertical disengagement of said hook member from said channel ~~said retention channel prevents substantially vertically oriented disengagement of said hook member regardless of the tension applied to said tie down member.~~

7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) The tie down system of claim 6, wherein said body member has a mounting structure for selective mounting at a desired position.

9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The tie down system of claim 6, further comprising a hook ⁽⁷⁰⁾retainer which ~~substantially maintains the horizontal position of~~ selectively captures said hook ~~relative to member in~~ said retention channel.

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (previously presented) The tie down system of claim 11, wherein said hook retainer comprises a retaining bar which is selectively positionable to prevent movement of said hook member out of engagement with said retention channel.

15. (currently amended) The tie down system of ~~claim 13~~ claim 14 wherein said hook retainer is positionable between a hook mounting position and a hook retaining position.

16. (canceled)

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) The cargo trailer tie down system of claim 1, wherein said hook hanger comprises a first wall positioned in spaced apart relationship to said hook anchor to form said channel adjacent said hook anchor in which a portion of said hook member is received and a second wall ⁽⁶⁰⁾extending ~~toward said hook anchor to form an opening~~ transverse relative to said first wall, wherein said second wall is positioned to contact the hook during vertical movement of the hook prior to release of the hook vertically from the hook anchor to maintain engagement of the hook member with the hook hanger.

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19. (currently amended) The tie down system of claim 14, wherein said hook retainer comprises first and second retainer leg members, said first retainer leg member effectively restricting substantial horizontal movement of said hook member in one horizontal direction, and said second retainer leg member effectively restricting substantial horizontal movement of said hook member in the opposite horizontal direction.

20. (previously presented) The tie down system of claim 14, wherein said hook retainer is lockable in a hook retaining position.

21. (new) A hook hanger for a cargo trailer, said hook hanger comprising:
a body comprising: (i) a mounting bracket conforming in shape to and slidably engageable with an associated sliding winch track of an associated cargo trailer; (ii) a hook anchor connected to said mounting bracket; and, (iii) a wall that cooperates with said hook anchor to define a channel between said wall and said hook anchor, said channel opening in a side of said body, said wall limiting vertical movement of an associated hook connected to said hook anchor to prevent inadvertent disengagement by vertical movement of the associated hook from the hook anchor, wherein the associated hook is disengageable from said hook anchor only by sliding movement in said channel in a direction transverse to vertical.